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Using paddleboards on a quiet, meandering stream is an excellent way to see the peaceful landscape around Terneuzen, in Zeeland. Of course you can do the same by using a bicycle; join a group on horseback or participate in a walking or trekking tour. Along the route one can stop for refreshments and a plate of Zeeland's famous Mussels. More on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

At the time of writing this, all Neerlandia Sub-Clubs will resume their regular activities at the end of January or early February. However, these events could be cancelled with 24 hours notice if Covid-19 in WA goes haywire. Below please find the **proposed** Function Calendar for Neerlandia events and Sub-Club activities for the beginning of 2021.

Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.

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January 2021:

Thurs 28	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sat 30	<u>Official Opening of the Karl's Bar</u> (By invitation only)	

February 2021:

Sun 7	<u>Family Ice Skating???</u>	
Mon 1,8,15,22	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 3,10,17,24	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
Wed 3, 17	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 4,11,18,25	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Thurs 11,25	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Fri 26	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel Night</u> (Held at Morley)	6pm

March 2021:

Sun 7	<u>Welcome Back Celebration Lunch</u> For details see pages 4 & 5	
Mon 1,8,15,22,29	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 3,10,17,24,31	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
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May 2021:

Sun 2	<u>Kings Day Lunch at Morley</u> For details see page 4	
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Medelanders

First of all a Happy New Year to you and your families.

I hope you have been able to fit in a nice break, following the extra ordinary year we have had.

With the new year in front of us, the outlook is very positive with the highly anticipated COVID vaccine and the zero transmission cases in WA.

In light of the recent developments (or the lack of any cases in WA) the Committee has decided to commence our Club and sub-Club activities again.

I will need to make it very clear to everyone, that **current restrictions are still in place and need to be strictly adhered to.**

The event organizers will provide these applicable restrictions to each event.

If these are not adhered to, we will be forced to close or limit those activities drastically.

Please assist us, to help all of us.

Hope to see you all shortly.

Groeten,

**Eric van Waaijenburg.
President.**

A Neerlandia Announcement. Upcoming Events in 2021.

Subject to WA Covid-19 regulations at the time, the Neerlandia Committee has organised a couple of sponsored events in 2021 for their Members and guests.

**1. A "Welcome Back Celebration Lunch" on Sunday, the 7th of March 2021, at the RDC.
Details on the next page 5.**

**2. A "Kings Day Lunch" on Sunday, the 2nd of May 2021, in Morley.
It is too early to announce any details of the King's Day Lunch, however, there will be additional information in the March 2021 issue of this Magazine.)**

Note:

Please also be aware that these events for our Members will be sponsored by Neerlandia.

In order to benefit fully from the discounted ticket price, your 2021 Neerlandia Membership will have to be paid in full well before the events are held.

The Neerlandia Committee.

**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS.**

**Louise Loomans
Rose Barbour
Arthur Tonkin**

Editorial.

The Karl's Bar at the RDC.

The extensive renovations in the Karl's Bar are almost completed and there will be an official opening, organised by the RDC and by invitation only, that will take place on Saturday the 30th of January.

Until that event has been held, the Karl's Bar area is out of bounds!

The latest news about the Sub-Clubs:

1. The Snooker Club will start up again in 2021 on Monday the 1st of February.

2. The Bingo will start up on Wednesday the 3rd of February.

3. The Wednesday Card Club will also start up again on Wednesday the 3rd of February.

4. The Seniors' Club will start on Thursday the 28th of January. More details about that on page 7.

The Thursday Night Card Club will resume again on Thursday the 4th of February.

5. The Sunday Drives will not resume their activities as yet as there are a few problems to sort out regarding the availability of the Karl's Bar area on our proposed dates, as well as the lunches and access to the Karl's Bar itself.

Planned events by Neerlandia for 2021.

Neerlandia is planning to hold 2 sponsored events early in 2021.

More details on pages 3 & 5 of this Magazine.

2021 Membership payments.

Included in this magazine is a Membership Renewal Form with instructions how to pay your fees.

Due to Covid-19 restriction and lack of sub-Club activities, not many people have paid their dues as yet. Please pay your fees as soon as possible, especially if you want to benefit from the reduced admission prices for the 2 upcoming Neerlandia sponsored lunches.

Pieter Leeftang, L.M.

Editor.

Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland. (SNBN)

We zien goed contact met de politiek als de beste manier om de belangen van Nederlanders in het buitenland te behartigen.

Voor de politiek zijn we vraagbaak en aanspreekpunt, voor Nederlanders buiten Nederland zijn we de brug tot inspraak in politiek Den Haag.

We houden ons met verschillende thema's bezig. Bijvoorbeeld op het terrein van de dubbele nationaliteit, pensioenen en AOW, Nederlands onderwijs, verlengen van paspoorten, verkiezingen en de Brexit.

We kunnen het niet vaak genoeg blijven benadrukken: hoe meer stemmers er vanuit het buitenland zijn, hoe meer 'Den Haag' naar ons gaat luisteren.

De belangrijkste punten op een rij:

Men kan zich t/m 3 februari a.s. registreren (dat is eenmalig verplicht, maar dan is men ook gelijk klaar voor toekomstige verkiezingen). Ga naar de overheidswebsite: **www.stemmenvanuithetbuitenland.nl**

In verband met onbetrouwbare internationale posterijen – zeker nu in coronatijden – raden wij met klem aan om **per volmacht te stemmen**.

Dit is eenvoudig te regelen via internet voor volmachtgever en gemachtigde, maar de internationale posterijen worden er volledig mee omzeild. Beter een iets meer omslachtige maar geldige stem dan een stembiljet dat te laat in Nederland aankomt;

Nog vragen? mail de altijd behulpzame medewerkers daar, via **kbn.verkiezingen@denhaag.nl**.

Elly Spillekom is always happy to chat with you on: ellysnbn@gmail.com

Elly Spillekom

Neerlandia's Welcome Back Lunch in March

WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION LUNCH.

To be enjoyed by Members and friends on
Sunday 7th of March 2021
in the Edelweiss Hall at the Rhein-Donau Club.
Lunch at 12.30 pm——Doors open at 11.30am.

**A sumptuous, set menu, 3 course Lunch
will be provided for you to enjoy.**

**Financial Dutch Club Members \$15.-
Non-Members \$50.-**
Drink voucher included.

*Your ticket will also have a “Door Prize” number on it for one of
the 10 prizes (5 Zwarte Kip Advokaat and 5 mystery prizes),
that you can win on the day, just by being there.*

*Secure your tickets by contacting:
Henk Oorschot 9256 1977, or email: henkoorschott@bigpond.com*

WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION LUNCH.

MENU.

Starters.

Classic Prawn cocktail, Marie rose sauce, crusty bread.

Alternating with:

Croquetas de Jamon Serrano, Rocket, shaved Parmesan, Romesco dip.

Mains.

**Chicken breast stuffed with mozzarella & sun dried tomato, tian of
herb roasted vegetables, Fondant potato, Chimichurri sauce.**

Vegetarian mains menu available on request. Contact Henk 9256 1977.

Desserts.

Apple strudel with vanilla custard, fresh Strawberries.

The Unox New Year Dive

The Unox New Year's Dive.



Of all the Dutch New Year's (Eve) traditions, this one is my favourite. Each year thousands of crazy Dutchies wade the frigid winter waters of the North Sea on 1 January for the annual New Year's swim/dive.

The swim takes place in over 130 locations across the country, however the seaside town of Scheveningen gathers the largest crowd, with normally over 10,000 arctic swimmers!



Do we have to take our winter coats off?

Most partakers wear a Unox beanie, yes, Unox, the Dutch producer of smoked sausage fame, the important ingredient of the traditional Dutch winter pea soup. Why? I hear you ask. Well, it all started as a joke in 1960 when 8 Dutch people adopted the idea of diving in the North Sea on 1 January and slurp pea soup with smoked sausage afterwards to warm up again. Unox liked the idea and became sponsor of this event – hence the swimmers are wearing the sponsor's



Over 10,000 swimmers hit the freezing water.



trademark beanie.

And yes, afterwards, all participants are given a bowl of Unox pea soup.

Due to COVID, the 2021 New Year's Day Dive did not occur in The Netherlands. However, a large group of Dutch in Perth kept the tradition going. Consequently, at City Beach on 1 January at midday the New Year's Day Dive took place; with many participants wearing the traditional Unox beany. This event was so colourful and so much fun, it made it to RTL News in the Netherlands.

On the FaceBook page: "Dutchies in Perth" you can see what happened:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_EALEJrY28&feature=emb_logo&fbclid=IwAR0L30mb9BD0xYATRzPSmCc_MyfYdYfsbuqssLs4zCBj-Irk5fSspHokPvY

This was not the first time that the Dutch New Year's Day Dive took place in Perth and I am convinced that this tradition is now well and truly established. If you are interested to take part in 2022, check out the FaceBook page: "Dutchies in Perth" to get the updates and information details.

Source: The internet.



Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you, Thea de Koning.

Thanking you for all the hard work over the years as a volunteer for the Dutch Club Neerlandia.

All the best from the Neerlandia Committee and the Seniors' Club.



It was Thursday the 10th of December 2015 at the Seniors break up Christmas Party in our Club House in Cambridge Street, when Thea de Koning, President of the Seniors' Club, asked me to join the Seniors' Club Committee.

But it is not about me. It is about **Thea de Koning**, 88 years old and now living in a Nursing Home in Ferndale.

Ever since the start of Neerlandia, she and her husband Jeff, who passed away in 2009, have been great volunteer workers on all of the Neerlandia functions in Cambridge St. Now in her twilight years, it is only fitting to acknowledge that she never stopped helping out, when volunteer work was required.

She was always available and we wish to say to you Thea: "Thank you so much for the work you did over all those years. You left a lasting mark and we wish you a great retirement in the Nursing Home".

Henk Oorschot. L.M.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE NEERLANDIA SENIORS CLUB.

On Thursday the 28th of January we will start the Neerlandia Seniors' Club at the usual time, but with a BANG.

Neerlandia has donated a large cake to celebrate the resuming of the Club's activities.

I know that every one is looking forward to get together again, enjoy each others company and play your preferred games like carpet bowls, billiards, various card games, shoelbakken and rummikub.

We have added another activity for you to enjoy: PUT-PUT mini golf.

It will be played on our second carpet bowl mat.

To make it interesting, we will start an 11 day competition with a trophy and a prize at the end.

Putter and golf balls will be provided.

Each player will receive the game rules, set out on a sheet to keep handy.

Like before, a \$15.- 2 course lunch will be provided and off course, don't forget the exciting lottery, which will be drawn after the lunch as usual.

There is one thing I need to point out. The threat of the Covid-19 is still here. Although we are lucky not to have any community spread in WA for a long time, we still need to be vigilant and I would urge you all to at least use common sense. Sanitise your hands when you enter and refrain from any physical contact.

In order to keep you informed, we will be providing some printed flyers on the tables, setting out your obligations.

For the benefit of the new Members joining us, please wear your name badges!!!
Welcome back. Let the games begin!!!

Henk Oorschot. L.M.

The Great Ocean Cycle Ride for Charity

Hello Everyone,

For those of you, who don't know me, or aren't aware of my hobby, I have been riding a bicycle for most of my life. It's a pastime that I really enjoy doing.

My name is Dirk Heistek, I am a Member of Neerlandia, play Bingo, and following is my recollection of participating in the Great Ocean Ride for Charity.

I did manage to complete the MSWA Great Ocean Ride – all 120km's of it.

For those of you who were kind enough to make a donation, you are aware that I was riding (and raising money) for Parkinson's disease.

My wife Anne suffers from Parkinson's disease and I very much aware that she is slowly robbed of her mobility.

The MSWA GOR was run on the 22nd November and ran from Fremantle, through Floreat (and her hills), up to Yanchep, then finally back to Hilary's. As you can imagine, its not practical to drive your car to Fremantle with your bike on top when you are finishing in Hilary's. Once you finished the race, you'd need to go fetch your car – not practical!

Thankfully, Transperth provided a train (for free even !!) to take us to the starting point.

The down side was that we had to start at 6:30am. This in turn meant I needed to catch the 4:55am train. It also meant that I needed to get up at Well, you do the math! Who gets up at that time?? Totally uncivilised.....



I met up with the other people who were riding in my group. I was lucky enough to be asked to ride with the "IGA Fresh (Mosman Park) group". Even luckier, I managed to score a free jersey (thanks goes to "JJ", for those who know him). We finally set off and the initial pace was quite quick. I remember thinking to myself "Gee! I hope this doesn't remain the pace for the whole ride..". Eventually we settled down to a nice rhythmic style of riding at a good, solid speed. We were making great ground. Not long out of Fremantle, we weaved our way through

Dirk and Anne in the centre of the Mosman IGA Fresh Group.

Nedlands, Claremont, Floreat – all the while heading toward Oceanic Drive and the infamous Reabold Hill. To give the uninitiated an understanding of what this is, and the terror that it strikes into a cyclist's heart, this hill is a lookout point with a maximum gradient of 11.1%. "Grandma gears only guys!!". This usually sorts the men from the boys. Quads burning, loads of cyclist walking, the group and I finally made it to the top. Thankfully, this was the hardest hill on the ride.

We made our way back to the coast and settled back into the same rhythmic pace we had used before. Pretty soon, the route took us through North Beach and Trigg.

I recall thinking: "Have I paid my life insurance??" We were riding with peak hour Sunday traffic on the roads. Not much room at all and overall a little hairy. Don't ask me how, but we made it through unscathed and we pushed on towards Marmion Ave.

The Great Ocean Cycle Ride for Charity



Eager Dirk was the first one to get going.

From here on it was pretty easy– you know, just follow your nose, direction Yanchep.

Once Yanchep was reached, we had to stop for a quick breather and to take aboard some more water. Then we continued on for the home stretch to Hillary's. I was beginning to feel a bit tired during the final stages and thankfully, my group supported me as any good peloton would.

I managed to catch my breath and we made a beeline straight to the finish.

I had managed to complete the 120km's as promised. Many of you graciously donated to a very worthy cause (Lord knows there are many of them!!).

I want to thank everyone who helped me complete this ride and raise the necessary funds for MSWA from the bottom of my heart. In total I managed to raise \$5735.00 with all your help.

Here's to next year! Maybe??????

Dirk Heistek.

The Dutch Society Neerlandia sponsored Dirk for \$250.00, Editor.



Funds raised by this group.

The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only.

3rd and 17th of February 2021

3rd, 17th and 31st of March.

Game starts at 11am—— Doors open at 10am.



Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea /biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 25th November. We had 29 players around the tables and above in the photo are the 5 major price winners of the lottery and the \$25 loaded full house game.



Bingo on Wednesday 9th December. A happy bunch of 34 players on the last day of the year and above are the winners of the lottery including the \$25 loaded full house game.

The Bingo page

BINGO BULLETIN. *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*



The cake, donated by Neerlandia, says it all.

6 years of Bingo ! ! ! !

As shown on the left hand page, on the 9th of December we had 34 players and they were all having a ball after they had enjoyed the delicious cake with their coffee.

It put us all in a festive mood to round off an

amazing and unusual year.

A number of Members collected special prizes on top of their normal winnings:

On 25th of November: Jo van Gentevoort and Ann Voorn played for free. Worth \$10. The bag of chocolates went to **Bill Deugd**. The \$25.– loaded game was won by **Ann Heistek (\$42)**. The Neerlandia promoted Ferrero chocolates went to **Alie Deurloo**.

On 9th of December: Henk Smit and Henk Uyen played for free. Worth \$10. The bag of chocolates was won by **Ann Voorn**. While the \$25.– loaded game was won by **Henk Uyen(\$46)**. The Neerlandia Ferrero chocolates were won by **Frans Schutte**.

You may have noticed **Henk Uyen** being mentioned a few times. He is known as **Mr. Bingo**. He is always lucky with Bingo, but then he always buys 2 Bingo books!!!!

We also welcomed a new Member and Bingo player: **Louise Loomans**. It was great to see **Con van de Putten and George Spanbroek** back at the Bingo!!!

The Jackpot got to \$80.– and it was not won, so it will keep on increasing. Exciting!!

It has been an amazing journey, with Louis James, to make the Bingo sessions grow over the last 6 years. We hope that more Members will come along to enjoy the Bingo.

Henk Oorschot and Louis James.

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The demise of the VOC started in 1795

The Hijacking of the last fleet of the VOC in 1795. (Through the eyes of a Frisian Captain of the ship “Mentor”).



James Town, Sint Helena. An Aquarel by Q.M.R. Verhuell. Maritime Museum, Rotterdam.

Preface: Captain Uilke Barends had been sailing one of the ships of the “Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie” VOC (United East-Indies Company) for more than two years.

In 1794 he began the return voyage from South Africa to the Netherlands. The fleet had arrived in The Cape Of Good Hope and everything was going to plan. Barends was looking forward to returning home. He was totally unaware that his ship the “Mentor” was part of the last fleet that ever sailed for the VOC. The Dutch fleet became the victims of a devious ruse from the British.

How this story began:

Captain Uilke Barends was in command of the “Mentor”, a ship that was part of the VOC Fleet sailing under the Chamber of Zeeland. They departed Fort Rammekens, near Vlissingen in April 1793. The voyage to Batavia lasted 6 months. Their time in Asia lasted more than 12 months. The “Mentor” finally departed Batavia on the 22 November 1794 for the homeward voyage. She is fully laden with Coffee, Pepper, Mace, Nutmeg, and Chinese Porcelain. Captain Barends and his crew remained in the Cape of Good Hope in excess of two months, before finally being able to leave on 21 May 1795.

Now back in Europe, the time is late 1794, and the Political relations are on a knife’s edge. France, through Napoleon Bonaparte, annexed the Republic of the Seven United Netherlands. This meant that the Netherlands changed overnight from an ally to an enemy. This was good news for Britain, because in times of war, countries are allowed to capture one another nation’s ships by hijacking and piracy and then to sell both the ship and its entire cargo. The British, very cleverly, decided to make the most of this newly developed situation.

When in May 1795, a large fleet of VOC ships departed the Cape of Good Hope, richly endowed

The demise of the VOC started in 1795

with precious cargo, the British took their opportunity and attacked this fleet.

The “Mentor”, captained by Uilke Barends, was of course one of the ships in this fleet. The British had the advance knowledge that France had annexed the Republic of the Seven United Netherlands. The Dutch fleet captains, however, were totally unaware of this fact, as they had been away from Europe for a long time and only just returned from Asia.

The British prepared their plan of attack and decided to use St Helena, a small island in the South Atlantic Ocean, which is about 3 weeks sailing from the Cape of Good Hope.

We know that this was the same Island on which Napoleon Bonaparte would be banished and died. But at this time, that event still had to take place some time in the future.

The Island was ruled by Britain since 1673 and its major function was to serve as an important stopover for fresh rations for ships that sailed between Europe and Asia. During these long voyages, which sometimes can last as long as nine months, the places where you could obtain fresh produce and water were of life saving importance. There were other places besides St Helena, for example, the Cape of Good Hope and the Cape Verdi Islands. Those were also important stopping places on these situations.

Halfway through June 1795, a great deal of the VOC Fleet, which left the Cape of Good Hope in May 1795, arrived near St Helena, with The Netherlands as its final destination. After many years of economic misery, the VOC had great expectations about the potential profits that would flow from the cargo aboard **these seventeen ships**. Commissioner General, Sebastiaan Nederburgh was



**Kapitein Uilke Barends.
painted by Thomas Gaal.**

counting on at least ten million Guldens, equivalent to 70.5 Million Euros today. This windfall was to save the financially distressed VOC from financial ruin.

The “Mentor” under Uilke Barends, together with the other 16 VOC ships, choose to sail the open sea towards St Helena. But this decision didn't run to plan. During the course of the voyage, the wind changed unfavourably and the fleet drifted apart. Captain Cornelius de Jong van Rodenburgh, from the warship “Scipio” explains:

“Towards the evening, even before the ships had left the Falsbaai (false bay), the wind turned towards the South-East. First with a soft weak cooling breeze and then with a strong cooling breeze and the sea started to move somewhat.”

Barends decided to return and wait for better weather. What he doesn't realise at that time is, that this decision would have far reaching consequences.

The “Mentor” was not the only ship that turned around. A further eight VOC ships decided to opt for safety. The remainder of the fleet had moved on, together with the warships “Scipio” and “Comet”, which would protect them. This protection was lacking for the richly laden 9 VOC ships, when they set sail three days later. But the protection of a warship appeared to be an unnecessary luxury, as after all, Britain was an ally of the Netherlands. The second half of the VOC Fleet arrived at St Helena in beginning of June, with the “Mentor” amongst them. Whilst most of the 9 ships had stayed together, one of them, the “Houghly” had received better winds and had entered the Island on the 10th June. Another East-Indies ship was slower and would not arrive until the 3rd July 1795. The other 7 ships caught sight of the island in the evening of the 13th June 1795 and decided to stay outside the bay overnight and the next morning they set sail for James Town, St Helena. Everyone was in a very good mood.

Closer to the Island they saw some British ships coming towards them. As a token of friendship, the British did raise the Dutch Flag. But once the English ships were close, the British displayed their true intentions and they fired their canons at the unarmed Dutch Ships. No-one on the Dutch side understood what was going on.

Captain Barends and his fellow Captains, during all the confusion that followed, tried to get away but the ships was too heavily laden to be able to flee. The ship “Alblasserdam” was the first to capitulate, completely helpless against the British ship “General Goddard” that came alongside it.
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The demise of the VOC started in 1795



The other ships followed suit and the Hijacking of the VOC Fleet was soon a reality.

What happened next? The British Commander William Essington took possession of all the VOC ships. He confiscated all papers on board and installed British Officers on each Dutch ship. For the rest, everyone remained in their posting, because without a crew, the ships can't go anywhere. After a few weeks, a big fleet of ships, consisting of the 17 hijacked Dutch VOC ships, several English Warships as well as Merchant Ships of the "East India Company" (EIC), left St Helena, direction England.

Once there, the end result was the sale of all the ships and their cargo; all the profit to the British Empire.

What happened to Captain Barends

This painting by Thomas Luny was commissioned by Captain Money. The title of the painting is: "A View of the H.C. Ship General Goddard, Captain W.T. Money, passing along the Enemy's Line to bring the Dutch Commodore to, at Sun-rise in the Morning of the 14th of June 1795". Money was obviously immensely proud of his role in the hijacking of the 7 Dutch ships. Barends on the other hand would rather have seen that this hijacking had been forgotten. This painting is now on display in the Maritime Museum of Rotterdam after having been in the Money family until 2009.

and the hundreds of crewmembers who became prisoners of war? Captain Barends was freed within a few months. However, such fortune did not befall most of the crew members.

For the Netherlands, the hijacking of the VOC Fleet was a huge loss. The fleet appeared to be the last one ever to sail for the VOC. The company didn't have any financial reserves to cover this loss and the VOC went under. For the British on the other hand, the hijacking was a huge success.

It delivered a lot of money. The demise of the VOC strengthened the position of the EIC.

How was the story of the hijacking of the VOC Fleet told by the British? Well, of course the story was quite different.

In the Rotterdam exhibition named: "How we ditched the Dutch, the Governor of St Helena, several Captains of the English ships, as well as the Painter Thomas Luny, told their story.

It was a story from a jubilant perspective upon which they looked back with great pride.

Through years of research as to the exact cause and circumstances of the hijacking of the last VOC Fleet, many captivating stories about the hijacking came to light. It is quite strange that the story of the hijacking of the very last VOC Fleet was largely unknown in the Netherlands.

Despite the great attention devoted to the VOC, the research of this hijacking, which had such a big influence to the final financial ruin of the VOC, had not been completed.

The story of this hijacking is not to be found in a single history book. There have been several Scientific studies into the end of the VOC. Don't you find that rather strange, maybe?

Well, maybe not. Big historical events are usually measured by the victors in large proportions and usually embellished a little to enlarge on the whole story. The losers remain quiet and devote little attention as to what happened. In this case, the Dutch did this as well.

The loss of the ships near St Helena received minimal press coverage in 1795. Not a word was mentioned over the fate of the hundreds of crewmembers on these ships.

Now, after nearly 225 years since that date, this silence is broken through the exhibition: "How we ditched the Dutch, or in Dutch: "De kaping van de laatste VOC-vloot", which is exhibited in the Maritime Museum of Rotterdam. Six Dutch and six British witnesses tell their story in this exhibition.

Irene B. Jacobs

Conservator Maritiem Museum Rotterdam, 08 October 2019

Translated by and sent in by Jan Zwartkruis. (The Editor, Piet Leeftang)

The Thursday Night Klaverjas Club.

As you would have read by now, we will resume playing cards in the renovated Karl's Bar on **Thursday the 4th of February.**

I have not seen all the renovations that have taken place over the last 2 months, but you will be pleasantly surprised by the new lights that were installed early on.

Following just a few other points I would like to highlight:

1. **Regarding Covid-19,** This virus has not gone as yet, even though we do see little of it in WA. However, we are still in phase 4, which means restrictions are still in place. Your obligations are printed at the bottom of this column.

2. **The new 2021 competition.** Several players had paid ahead for the 15 games competition in 2020, but the last **8 games were cancelled.** Those unused funds will still be there when our 2021 Klaverjas competition starts.

3. There is still a requirement in place to avoid paying cash, so we request the players to pay for several weeks at the time, that can be settled with a banknote.

4. **The Karl's Bar will not be open.** Coffee will be available, but cups have to be taken home and washed in someone's dishwasher. **Suggestion, please bring in your own cup or mug for your Coffee on Thursday Nights.**

The threat of the Covid-19 is still here.

Please adhere the following rules:

1. Sanitise your hands when you enter, and again before you start playing cards and and after you finish playing cards.

2 Refrain from any physical contact with others as much as possible.

3 Follow the 1.5 metre rule.

2. If you don't feel well. Please stay home!

3. We will provide some printed flyers on the tables, setting out your obligations.

Your Committee will cancel further meetings at short notice, once public transmissions occur in WA, or the Government imposes more restrictions.

Piet Leeftang.

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of February, 2021.

We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!!

Hans	Klouwens
Helma	Kleyne
Lilian	Goudswaard
John	Pericles
Marina	Bull
Jody	Haze
Hazel	Potts
Harald	Chudziak
John	Zwartkruis
Ida	van der Kooij
Elly	Schenkelaars
Henk	van der Meer
Heidy	Tiebosch
Alida	Reitzenstein
Debby	Goetschalckx
Steven	Moore
Sandra	De Lange
Annegret	Renk-Kotzee
Henk	Broerse
Melanie	Verheggen
Jenny	Kievit
John	Ottes
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Tony	Deurloo

If your birthday is not mentioned or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged.

To make changes to the above you need to send an E-mail to the following:

Neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

The Christmas Show at the Tivoli

THE TIVOLI CHRISTMAS SHOW IN APPLECROSS



One quarter of our total Membership was at the Tivoli show, enjoying the non-stop variety performance of a cast of 19 dancers, singers and actors. To comply with the COVID-19 regulations, upon entering, we all sanitized our hands and every one was listed on sheets with contact numbers.

To get us into the Christmas spirit, they started with some Christmas songs: "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree, I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday", followed by a comedy. There was a good mix of various performances, some acrobatics by some of the younger Members of the cast and it was amazing

how every performance followed on from the previous one without a break. It was indeed non-stop. And the costume changes. How they did manage that so quickly is still a mystery to me. They must have a large wardrobe. The first halve before the lunch interval had a total of 17 acts. There were 3 comedies, a Dixie Medley, Sunny Side of the Street, Old time Christmas, Two Steps Round the Christmas Tree and Put A Little Holiday in Your Heart. Then before the lunch break, the Tivoli ladies sung for us: **Silent Night**. Performed very beautifully before the lights came back on.



The Christmas Show at the Tivoli

ON SUNDAY THE 13TH OF DECEMBER 2020.



During the lunch break we all enjoyed the chicken and chips, followed by the lottery. Then the sketch: "This Is The Army". That was a very comical performance and produced a lot of laughs all around. "Wish me luck" was performed by the whole cast as you can see on the left.

"The White Cliffs of Dover" was followed by "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy". Off course "Jingle Bells" was always going to be sung with Christmas in mind, while "Warm This Winter" fitted in well on this cooler day.



The act on the left, "GI Blues", got a lot of laughs, as I first thought that we had 4 Elvis Presley impersonators on the stage. The only 4 male actors of the whole cast performed this so well.



The comedy act below had us all in stitches. It started with the "guy" on the right and progressively the next person joined in. It was hilarious and it was the funniest act of

the whole show and we won't forget it in Hurry. What a great time we had. Thank you.

And then the final act. All the performers in their green outfits bringing us all a Merry



Christmas and accepting our accolades in groups of 4 actors. It was a very special day for all of the Members of the Dutch Club.
Henk Oorschot. Event Co-ordinator. L.M.



The Dutch Community Radio Report

DUTCH Community Radio



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Welcome to the latest news from the Dutch Community Radio. What a year we have left behind us. As Peter van der Wedden reported during our AGM, our team has seen many changes and they are mostly all very positive. Even when other community radio stations had to close their doors for a while during COVID, 6EBA managed to keep us in the studio without a stoppage to the broadcast. We did pre-record one program this year, just for fun and to see if we could do it, just in case it is ever required. It turns out we have a lot of listeners, who do not have a radio and they tune in online.

Due to technical problems the normal app we recommended does not always work well. There is a better and more reliable app that people can use by "Radio Garden". The signal is stronger and reception therefore is better.

During the 2020 AGM Robert Wegman handed the treasury over to Jennifer Verduin, she will be assisted by Peter in this role.

Robert has looked after our finances for over 37 years and we are very grateful to him for the outstanding dedication he has given us. But don't worry, it won't be the last time you'll hear from Robert, as he will continue as one of our panel operators.

You may have heard of the Dutch tradition: "Nieuwjaarsduik" on New Years Day. Wel, one was held this year from Floreat Beach. Some of you might have even been there to be part of the fun and swam in the sea together with our Honorary



The Dutch Community Radio Report

Consul for the Netherlands, Anthony Willinge.

But what you might not know is that the event nearly didn't happen.

There was a plan by Allard Komdeur to bring this Dutch Tradition to Perth at a prominent location. As Allard had to go back to the Netherlands, he asked the Dutch Community Radio if we could help.

"Sure", we answered. But we didn't expect that there would be a problem to get permission to hold that event on the beach that was selected.

So, we needed a beach at short notice and it was becoming fairly urgent.

Just when it seemed all too difficult, we were brought into contact with John King, one of the directors of the Floreat Surf Life Saving Club. Permission to have the event was granted by the Town of Cambridge and we were ready to roll.

The Neerlandia Committee turned out to be very enthusiastic about the dive as well and became the largest sponsor with over a 100 Unox beanies.

Thank you very much Neerlandia.

We also would like to thank Allard Travels; Linda from Treacle Treat; The Floreat Surf Life Saving Club and "Café Oranje" for all their help.

A big 'thank you' also goes to Dunja, Gerrieke and Natasha for all their organising on the day and the team of the DCR, who kept me motivated to find the right venue for the 2021 "Nieuwjaarsduik".

What a way to start this year.

Karin.

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May a bit of Humour light up your Day

An elderly couple went for their annual check-up together.



An elderly, married couple scheduled their annual medical examination on the same day, so they could travel together.

After the examination, the doctor said to the man: "You appear to be in good health. Do you have any medical concerns that you would like to discuss with me?"

"In fact, I do," said the man.

"After I make love to my wife the first time, I am usually hot and sweaty. And then, after I make love to my wife the second time, I am usually cold and chilly."

"This is very interesting," replied the doctor. "Let me do some research and get back to you."

After examining the elderly lady, the doctor said: "Everything appears to be fine. Do you have any medical concerns that you would like to discuss with me?"

The lady replied that she had no questions or concerns. The doctor then asked: "Your husband had an unusual concern. He claimed that he is usually hot and sweaty after having sex the first time with you, and then cold and chilly after the second time. Do you know why this is?"

"Oh that old buzzard!" she replied.

"That's because the first time is usually in December and the second time is usually in July."

A sailor and a pirate were talking about their adventures.



A sailor meets a pirate in a bar, and the pair take turns boasting of their adventures on the high seas.

The sailor notes that the pirate has a peg leg, a hook and an

eye patch, and asks: "So, how did you end up with the peg leg?"

The pirate replies: "We were in a storm at sea and I was swept overboard into a school of sharks. Just as my men were pulling me out a shark bit my leg off."

"Wow!" says the sailor. "What about your hook?"

"Well," replies the pirate, "while my men and I were plundering in the Middle East, I was caught stealing from a merchant and the punishment for theft in the Middle East is the loss of the hand that steals."

"Incredible!" remarks the sailor. "How did you get the eye patch?"

"A seagull dropping fell into my eye," replies the pirate.

"You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" the sailor asks incredulously.

"Well," says the pirate, "it was the first day after I was fitted out with the hook."

Fred was looking for the perfect wife.

Fred was 32 years old and still single.

One day a friend asked: "Why aren't you married? Can't you find a woman, who will be a good wife?"

Fred replied: "Actually, I've found many women I wanted to marry. But when I bring them home to meet my parents, my mother doesn't like them."

His friend thought for a moment and said: "I've got the perfect solution, just find a girl who's just like your mother."

A few months later they met again and his friend said: "Did you find the perfect girl? Did your mother like her?"



With a frown on his face, Fred answered: "Yes, I found the perfect girl. She

was just like my mother. You were right, my mother liked her very much."

The friend said: "Then what's the problem?" Fred replied: "My father didn't like her."

A man was trying to remember birthday and anniversary dates.

A man who had forgotten the dates for a number of his friends' and relatives' birthdays and anniversaries, decided to compile a list on his computer and have the dates highlighted on screen when the machine was turned on.



He went to a number of computer stores to find a software program that would do the job but had no luck at the first few. Finally he found one where the worker

seemed experienced.

"Can you recommend a programme or something that will remind me of birthdays and anniversaries?" the man asked. "Have you tried a wife?" the worker responded.

A millionaire hosted a party by his pool.

Once there was a millionaire who collected crocodiles. He kept one in the pool at the back of his mansion.



The millionaire also had a beautiful daughter who was still single.

One day he decided to throw a huge party. During the event he took to the stage and announced: "My dear guests, I have a proposition to make to every man here. I will give a million dollars, or my daughter, to the brave man who dares to swim across this pool with the crocodiles and emerge alive!"

No sooner did he say his last word, when there was a large splash. Everyone looked down to see a man in the water screaming out of fear and swimming with all he could. The crowd cheered him on as he kept stroking madly.

Finally, he made it to the other side with only a torn shirt and some minor injuries. The millionaire was impressed. He said: "My boy that was incredible!

Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain. Do you want my daughter or the million dollars?"

"I don't want your money, nor your daughter! I just want to kill the person who pushed me in that pool!"

A group of school kids went on an excursion to a police station.

A group of primary school students were on an excursion to the local police station. Several of the children were fascinated by the wanted posters on the wall.

Little Johnny raised his hand and asked the police officer who was giving them the tour, what the pictures of the people on the wall were.

"Those are pictures of criminals we are looking for," answered the policeman. "We call those wanted posters." Little Johnny looked puzzled. His hand shot back up into the air.

"Well," he asked: "Why didn't you just keep them when you took their pictures?"

A young businessman moved into his new office.

A young businessman had just started his own firm. He rented out a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques. As he proudly sat at his new desk, he saw a man enter the outer office.

Wishing to appear the hot shot, the businessman picked up the phone and



started to pretend he had a big deal working.

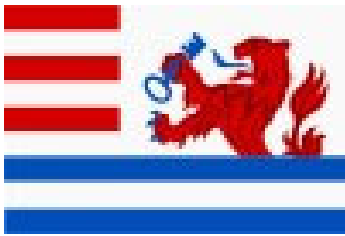
He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments.

Finally, he hung up and asked the visitor: "Can I help you?"

The man said: "Yeah, I've come to activate your phone lines".



Terneuzen - City of the Flying Dutchman



Terneuzen is a City and Municipality in the Province of Zeeland, in the South-West of the Netherlands, not far from the Belgian border. With over 55,000 inhabitants, it is the most populous Municipality of Zeeland.

Archives first mention the City in 1325, when it was called Ter Nose. The harbour of Terneuzen was first mentioned in 1460. And it was granted City rights by

Flag & Coat of Arms of Terneuzen.

Prince William of Orange in 1584.

In the mid-19th century, fortifications were built around Terneuzen. The Arsenal in the city Centre stands as a reminder of that time.

History:

From the very beginning, shipping has been a key part of the City. In the old harbour, on the site of the current market, goods were loaded and then transported to Ghent on barges. The City's economic boom began with railway lines to Mechelen and Ghent, which made Terneuzen an important hub for handling and storing goods. That enticed Dow Chemicals to open a large Chemical Plant.

Terneuzen is and was as a strategically located port on the waterways to Ghent, in Belgium.

Tradition has it, that Terneuzen was once the home of the legendary Flying Dutchman, Captain Van der Decken, who cursed God and was condemned to sail the seas forever, as described in the Frederick Marryat novel: "The Phantom Ship" and the Richard Wagner opera: "The Flying Dutchman."

The port of Terneuzen is the third largest in the Netherlands, after those of Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

The Ghent-Terneuzen Canal:

The Ghent-Terneuzen Canal is a Canal linking Ghent in Belgium to the port of Terneuzen on the Scheldt Estuary, thereby providing Ghent with better access to the sea.

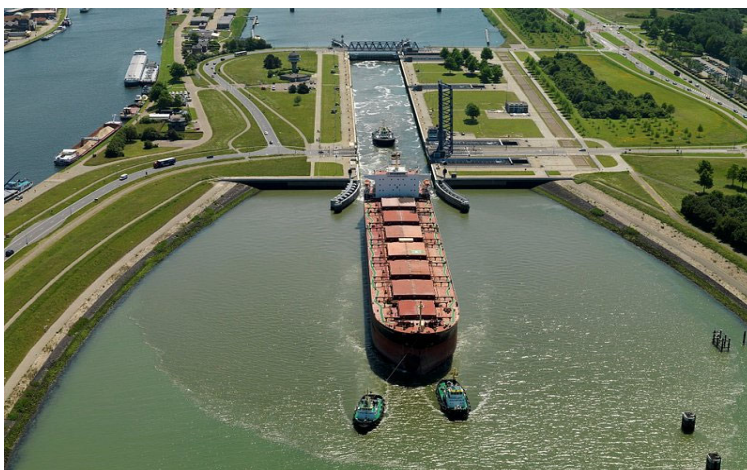
The Canal was constructed between 1823 and 1827 on the initiative of the Dutch King at the time. Belgium and the Netherlands had become a united Country under the terms agreed at the Congress of Vienna. Between 1870 and 1885, the Canal was enlarged to a depth of six and a half meters



Sculpture: The Flying Dutchman.



Machinery used to dig the Canal.



The new Lock at Terneuzen.



Traffic on the Ghent-Terneuzen Canal.

Terneuzen - City of the Flying Dutchman



The DOW Chemical Plant.



The Yacht harbour.

at its centre and to a width of 17 meters at its base and 68 meters at the surface level; many bridges along the Belgian sector had to be rebuilt.

In February 2015 Flanders and the Netherlands signed a treaty for the construction of a new lock at Terneuzen, the same size as those used in the Panama Canal, scheduled for completion in 2021 and costing €920M. The Canal presently is 200 meters wide and 32 kilometres long, capable of accommodating ships of up to 125 000 gross tonnage. The largest permitted vessel to use the canal is 265 meters long x 34 meters wide, with a draft up to 12.5 meters.

Tourism:

A walk along the river boulevard (Scheldeboulevard) is a marvellous experience. The ships on the Westerschelde estuary come so close, you can almost touch them!

The boulevard is also home to one of the largest bronze statues in the Netherlands: "The Vesalius".

Visit the nearby restaurants on the river boulevard and make a night of it. Your first call should be the Porgy and Bess Jazz Café, which started in 1944 and has grown to attract the biggest stars from the jazz world, as well as rock, roots, classical and more.

The bond between Terneuzen and jazz is enhanced by the annual Jazz Festival, called Zeeland Jazz. This week-long festival is co-held in Terneuzen and Middelburg. Come and feel the vibrant beat.

Another longstanding tradition is the City's Harbour Days. For three very bustling days, the area in and around Terneuzen's harbour is full of activity.

And skiing can be done all year round at the "Skidome".



The Vesalius: The man in the Cape.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



Serene Waters for a paddle.



The new Town Hall.



The Skidome.



But...But...my paws ARE still on the ground, so technically, I am not on the furniture!

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy.

But Once the words: **Ignominy**, **Corona** and **Reigning** were found, the rest was easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker was as follows:

A=3; B=25; C=23; D=4; E=9; F=21;
G=5; H=26; I=18; J=6; K=8 L=24;
M=17; N=14; O=22; P=11; Q=19;
R=10; S=7; T=2; U=15; V=13;
W=12; X=1; Y=16; Z=20.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

Another very difficult one.

But once the words: **Epithet**, **Sphinx** and **Waspish** were found, the rest was easier.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker was as follows:

A=17; B=13; C=7; D=20; E=12;
F= 9; G=16; H=25; I=2; J=5; K=10;
L=18; M=19; N=6; O=24; P=14;
Q=8; R=1; S=4; T=23; U=26; V=15;
W=22; X=3; Y=11; Z=21.

February Bonus Code-Word Puzzles 1 & 2

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Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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The first 3 words I found were:

Tomorrow, Marjoram and Overawe, then it became a bit easier.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:

A=18; B=9; C=5; D=8; E=19; F=24; G=23; H=19; I=2; J=22; K=26; L=6; M=4; N=16; O=11; P=3; Q=7; R=15; S=21; T=10; U=17; V=1; W=13; X=20; Y=12; Z=25.

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 59 Easy Puzzle

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Sudoku 59 Mod. Puzzle

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Last month's Sudoku Easy 58 solution.

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Last month's Sudoku Moderate 58 solution.

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